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"Letty,"

called Miss Selina Tippetts,
softly.

"Letitia!"

again, more emphatically,
and she emerged a trifle further into
the small hallway.

"Yes, sister,"

answered a pleasant
voice, and the door of the drawing
room opened abruptly, revealing a
plump, snug figure, whose charms were
almost hidden in the ample folds of a
gingham apron.

"Letty, has the colonel gone out yet?"

whispered Miss Tippetts, mys-
teriously.

"I haven't heard him come down,"

answered Miss Letty, with the in-
timation of a deep-dyed conspirator.

"Well, when he does go you might

tidy up his sitting room a bit, dear.
Martha Larkins is helping me and we're
up to our eyes in puddings and pies,"
declared Miss Tippetts unreser-
vedly, and with that her gay little
cap bobbed into the kitchen again,
while the younger sister turned back
to the elegant occupation of decorat-
ing the family best room. With much
uncertainty of step she climbed the
tall ladder in front of the fireplace.

"Dear me, one is no longer nimble at

29," sighed Miss Letty regretfully as
she clutched nervously at the rug and
carefully dragged after her a sinuous
rope of greens and piled it on the
broad shelf above the fire-place. She
then grasped a hammer and nail with
superb resolution and poised for a mo-
ment to make a cool calculation as to
the exact middle of the wall above the
mirror that had belonged to an ancient
ancestor on the Tippetts' side.

Presently Miss Letty found to her

surprise that she was no longer en-
deavoring to locate a spot for the nail,
but was intently regarding herself
framed in between the parallels of
faded gilt carving. This provoked a
smile and brought out two merry
dimples, while Miss Letty nodded her
head and sank down comforted on the
top step.

"You silly thing!"

she said depre-
catingly to the image in the glass; but
that young person knew she wasn't
displeased, for she went on smiling—a

trifle wistfully, perhaps—and leaned
over sideways and looked at Miss
Letty critically; looked at the warm,
smooth hair, patted it, and reluctantly
pulled out a couple of long, shining
white strands; then brought its plump
fingers down like a gentle inquisitor
and smoothed out a faint wrinkle or
two above the brows, rubbed at each
plump cheek till it bloomed anew and—

"Good morning, Miss Letty," said a
genial voice at this juncture, and the
little woman in the mirror heard Miss
Letty shriek and saw her jump up in a
frightfully precipitous manner—

"Oh, colonel, you frightened me so!"
gasped poor Miss Letty when she
could speak. She plumped down again
and was holding on to the hammer as
though her very life depended on its
frail support, and the colonel hastened
with much gallantry to support Miss
Letty's uncertain perch from below.

"I—I—was just hammering in a
nail," she stammered, looking up to
where the nail should have been.

The colonel raised his handsome
head and looked up, too. "Ahem, so it
seems," he said, dryly.

Miss Letty's cheeks flamed. Such
an embarrassing position!

"What a splendid lot of green stuff!"
said the colonel, talking pity on her
distress. "You Londoners are cer-
tainly fond of decorating and that
sort of thing, and a mighty pretty
custom it is."

Miss Letty raised her eyes and
dropped the hammer. "Uncle William
sends us a wagon load every Christ-
mas. He has a farm in Northampton-
shire," she volunteered, while the col-
onel bowed his stately form beneath
the yellow-keyed piano and came
scrambling up triumphantly with the
prime cause of all Miss Letty's con-
fusion.

"Better let me put in the nails, Miss
Letty," he said with convictions and
the young lady acquiescing very read-
ily to this, he proceeded to assist her
down, "as if I were a Dresden china
shepherdess," so Miss Letty afterwards
confided to her maiden sister, and was
much provoked when Miss Tippetts
facetiously demanded to know since
when had china shepherdess taken to
mounting ladders.

At any rate, Miss Letty instantly
busied herself with the greens and be-
gan sorting them out to the best ad-
vantage, while the colonel struck blow
after blow with the most admirable
precision.

"And now where is the misletoe?"
for of course you have misletoes," said
the colonel finally.

Miss Letty giggled nervously.
"There is a teeny, weeny bit," she ad-
mitted, apologetically, "but that's only
Cousin John's little joke, and we
weren't going to put it up," she added,
untruthfully.

"Oh, nonsense, nonsense!" cried the
colonel, heartily. "Now, if you had a
scrap of ribbon, Miss Letty—some
nice bright color."

"Blue? Don't you think blue would
be sweetly pretty, colonel?" asked his
beaming assistant with charming de-
ference.

"The very thing," declared the
connoisseur appealed to, and Miss
Letty darted up the stairs and was
down again in a flash, holding up to
view a coquettish knot of silk as she
came in. The colonel was standing
beneath the chandelier posing a white-
berried spray against the dangling
ornament in the centre. "There," he
said, placing a chair for her with the
enthusiasm of a boy.

"There, now, Miss Letty, you stand
on that and tie the misletoe while I
hold it for you," and Miss Letty, all
agitation and blushes, was assisted to
mount by the colonel, who subsequent-
ly had much difficulty in keeping the
misletoe straight, so that Miss Letty's
position was no sinecure, and she
thought if the colonel only would turn
his eloquent eyes and shining nose
glasses elsewhere, her work would
have been accomplished with more
success.

She felt that it was a sad bungle, but
the colonel wouldn't have it so, and
stood back to get the full effect, leav-
ing Miss Letty poised helplessly in
mid air.

"Now, that is what I call really
beautiful. Reminds me of some of the
English Christmas pictures," he said,
artfully addressing the gingham apron.
Then re-crossing the limited area of
the rug, he held out his hand to Miss
Letty, who placed her own confidently
in his, and jumped lightly down, where-
upon the colonel promptly bent his
noble head very low and kissed Miss
Letty with as much seriousness as if
such an audacious proceeding were an
everyday occurrence between the
gentlewomen and gentlemen of Great
Britain.

Miss Letty gave a shocked excla-
mation, flashed a horrified glance at
him and sped out the door like a blue
gingham whirlwind, and therefore did
not have a chance to note the colonel's
wicked smile. She never stopped un-

til she reached the haven of her own
small room—everything was on the
diminutive order in the Tippetts'
household—when she rushed straight
to the dressing table and confronted her
stormy self in the modest mirror.

"Hateful, presumptuous thing!" she
ejaculated to the innocent reflection of
herself, which was very inconsistent of
Miss Letty. But Miss Letty could
never look long at an image of herself
—no more, indeed, could anyone else—
without being quickly restored to good
humor, so presently the dimples show-
ed up again and she gazed on reflect-
ively in a thinking mood until the
front door closed with a bang, causing
her to jump violently. She ran over to
the window and peered anxiously
out, and if the departing inmate was
no other than Martha Larkins on her
way to the green grocer's that damsel
must have developed into an object of
more than usual interest to have kept
the breathless watcher motionless so
long behind the dimity curtains. But
was it Martha Larkins? It was quite
five minutes by the old clock in the
angle in the hall before Miss Letty
came back to her dressing table and
her own happy face.

"Foolish, silly, simple thing!" she
said once more aloud, and actually
leaned over and kissed her comely lips
in glass, then started guiltily and went
to the door and listened.

"If Selina only knew; if Selina
even guessed such a thing," solilo-
quized Miss Letty with childish ex-
uberance, and laughed gleefully under
her breath.

Perhaps Miss Selina Tippetts knew
more than she was allowed to know.
At any rate, the Pyramids of Egypt
could not be less gossipy than Miss
Tippetts when she chose to be, and
this morning Martha Larkins was on
the verge of giving up in despair. "I
think the colonel's come down, mem,
an' I think he's stopped in the drawing
room, mem," volunteered Martha, who
with red elbows at dandorous angles,
sat over against the table laboriously
reducing the citron to convenient
atoms.

"You really think so?" said her
mistress, with ominous interest. "Deed
I do, mem, an' I think 'e's gone in to
Miss Letty," declared Martha, her
young black eyes brimming over with
excitement as she scented a probable
romance just about near enough to be
absorbingly fascinating.

"You mustn't do too much thinking,
Martha, it's dangerous," admonished
Miss Tippetts, dryly.

Martha rose abruptly and set her
pan on the table.

"Where are you going, pray?" de-
manded Miss Tippetts, stopping on her
way to the range as suddenly.

"To the front door, mem. There
was a knock," answered the girl un-
blushingly.

"Never in the world, Martha Lar-
kins!" said Miss Tippetts, with pious
conviction. "Aren't you ashamed of
yourself, you wicked girl, to tell such
an untruth and that for the simple
sake of spying."

But Martha Larkins was only par-
tially abashed at this severe reprimand.
She resumed her seat and the citron
with an air of injured innocence that
almost disarmed Miss Tippetts. "Well
I was dead sure it was a knock any-
ways," she avowed, "for only this
morning Sam Taylor went away an' had
to come back again, miss, an' beat
such a rat-too on that there door, an'
when I bore him a tying on me white
apring there stood 'e a grinnin' like a
h'ape that 'e is, an' I hup an' says,
'Since when is your ladsip company,
pray, to knock at a lady's door that
there away,' an' 'e bold as brass,
tramp! 'In a past me an' says 'Since
when 'av yez 'h'ad been dead him this
manshing, sleepy holler black eyes,'
says 'e—to me, miss," ended up Martha
indignantly.

"And, pray, who may Sammy Tay-
lor be, Martha?" asked Miss Tippetts
in mild wonder.

Martha's eyes rounded more promi-
nently than ever at such a display of
wilful ignorance.

"Why, it's the butcher's boy, miss,
as is took the place of Spriggy Smith,
who beat the blue coat boy over him
the 'ouse with the green blinds to a
jelly. I wish you could a saw 'is hey,
miss. It was a orful mass o' gare."

"Oh hush, Martha, how dreadful!"
said the horrified mistress. "Come,
have you finished the citron? And
have you done it properly? I do so
want the colonel's first English pud-
ding to be a good one, and it ought to
be, for it's great-grandmamma Tip-
pitts's own recipe."

"Ow long 'ave you boarded the col-
onel, mem?" asked Martha boldly.

"Boarded, Martha!" cried Miss Tip-
pitts, utterly agast at the mere
notion. "I would have you know there
was never a Tippetts living or dead
who took boarders," added the injured
lady, stiffly.

"What do you call it then, mem?"
pursued the undaunted handmaiden.

"Call what, pray?"

"Why, 'avin the colonel stopping 'ere
when 'e ain't no kin."

Miss Tippetts hesitated. Would she
be justified in gratifying the curiosity
of this vulgar young snip or not? Cer-
tainly it was preferable in every way
to having her go and tell the Dun-
stons' domestic that the Tippetts kept a
lodger, for that meant the report
spreading through Highgate and even
into Hampstead, where those hateful,
envious McCalls lived—and lived far
beyond their means at that.

No, it wouldn't do to trust Martha
too far.

Miss Tippetts coughed with vast im-
portance.

"The colonel, Martha," she began,
and paused in her stirring at the sound
of Miss Letty's light feet on the stairs.
What in the world was the child run-
ning up like that for. "The colonel is
a visitor pure and simple. He is a
friend of some American friends of
ours who requested us to receive him
in our modest home so that he would
be thoroughly comfortable during his
short visit to England. He is here on
official business for the United States"
—here Miss Tippetts coughed import-
antly again—and is going back very
soon; and now I trust you are en-
tirely satisfied. If not, don't fail to
ask any questions that may occur to
you," advised Miss Tippetts with un-
wonted sarcasm.

But irony was lost on Martha Lar-
kins.

"The colonel's sort o' daft on Miss
Letty, ain't 'e mem?" she asked dis-
interestedly, with her naughty eyes on
the citron.

Martha sprang to her feet with an
inimitable affectation of fright. "Oh,
lawse, mem, I thought you 'ad ketch-
ed aife."

"No," retorted her mistress, with an
air of outraged virtue, "but I almost
wish you were!"

"Oh, my stars, miss, what 'av I done
now?" whimpered Martha.

"Do," repeated her mistress, "you're
always doing nothing and saying too
much. Sit down there and crumb that
loaf as fine as powder, and if I hear an-
other word from you you won't get
home to see your aunt this week; and
mark my words, Martha Larkins, I
mean what I say."

Martha sniffed pathetically, and
sulkily betook herself to the imposed
penance, while Miss Tippetts bustled
about and almost seemed to fly at
times on the aromatic air of the clean-
est kitchen in all England.

Suddenly the front door closed to
with a force that set the shining tins
all a-tremble on the wall.

"Bless me! It must be the colonel
going out," exclaimed Miss Tippetts,
whose wrath never endured longer
than five minutes at the utmost
stretch, and well Martha Larkins
knew it.

"Oh, I say, ain't 'e 'ansome, mem!"
she cried, oblivious of the injunctions
of the past. "I never seen such lovely
brown 'e'yes exceptin' the green
grocer's young man's. Do you 'spose
'is 'air was gray like that for always,
mem?"

"No, Martha," said Miss Tippetts,
with the dignity of an empress, "the
colonel is still very young—for a man,
but his hair turned quite gray in the
last dreadful war in America. He was
really nothing but a boy at the time,
and they were obliged to eat rats and
all sorts of horrible things," declared
this latter-day historian sagely.

"Oh, 'eavens, mem," cried her audi-
ence in disgust and deftly slipped a
couple of red raisins between her red
lips, seeing that Miss Tippetts was
conveniently distant. That lady went
to the door and peeped out cautiously.
"Letty!" she called for the second
time that morning.

"Well, dear," came the answer faint-
ly from above. "Come down, child,
and stir the pudding for luck. It's all
mixed. Is the colonel in? He must
come, too." Miss Letty descended
without further ado, and her sister re-
garded her furtively. "The colonel's
out, I think," said Miss Letty briefly.

"You think. Oh, Miss Letty!"

The surmise was scarcely past her
lips before the knocker descended with
startling force. The two ladies in-
stinctively looked towards Martha
Larkins, but that damsel never stirred
from her artless attitude of bread
crumbing.

"Well, Martha," demanded Miss
Tippetts with asperity, "did you hear
the knocker, or are you deaf?"

Martha rose with alacrity. "I
thought I 'eard 'it, mem," she con-
fessed, demurely, "but I wasn't gone
to make no more mistakes o' that there
kind," and Martha volunteered to an-
swer the summons.

"Oh, lawse!" they heard her ex-
citedly gurgled, and then, the door
shutting, the sisters emerged from
their temporary retirement as Martha
burst into the kitchen with a bouquet
held conspicuously aloft in each hand.
Miss Letty sprang at them and tore
away the wrappings. "With the Col-
onel's compliments," she read, un-
steadily, and buried her face in the

flowers. They were Christmas roses
for them both; and Miss Letty was
quick to understand that it was the
colonel's essay at a peace offering. So
she stirred the pudding with the flow-
ers in her arms, and some of the petals
fluttered out and Martha stirred them
in when her turn came, and then got
one of her silly giggling spells, in the
midst of which Miss Letty endeavored
to escape. But Miss Tippetts wouldn't
have it so. "Lettie," she called after
her, "I won't put the pudding in the
bag until the colonel stirs it—not if
it's in the morning. He's a dear,
good fellow."

"Oh, of course," said Miss Lettie,
mechanically, ever the banisters, and
Miss Selina was quite puzzled to know
what Letty referred to.

But it wasn't 2 in the morning when
the colonel came in. It was just five
o'clock, as Martha was carrying in tea
to the drawing room, when the well-
known key was heard, followed by a
man's familiar footsteps.

HON. JOHN CESSNA died at his home in Bradford, Pa., last Thursday, after an illness of three months. Mr. Cessna was one of the most distinguished Republican statesmen in Pennsylvania; he was a man of eminent ability and in the earlier days of the Republican party in this State he was one of its foremost leaders.

JAMES BLACK died of pneumonia at Lewisburg, Lancaster county, Saturday, aged 70 years. Mr. Black, who was a talented man and an exemplary citizen, gained his greatest distinction as a temperance worker. At the national convention in 1872 he was made the Prohibition candidate for President of the United States.

To Democratic Chairman Kane:—Don't allow even your best friends to persuade you to perjure in the vicinity of Souderton. Brother Gettler's explanation of the Souderton post-office affair indicates temper and plenty of it. He's mad; he feels that he served the Democracy well and that he is being more than kicked and cuffed for his devotion to your management of campaigns. We think Brother Gettler deserved better treatment.

The recent sentence of an election judge in Philadelphia to imprisonment for thirty days and a fine of \$100, the sentence carrying with it disfranchisement for four years for the crime of refusing to permit an authorized watcher to perform his duties, may be accepted as a glimmering ray of justice athwart the dark political sky of metropolitan politics. Election judges in the Quaker city are not too old to learn the importance of obeying election laws.

The blanket and cloth mills of John and James Dobson, Philadelphia, shut down Saturday and the reason assigned is the lack of trade on account of the "tariff uncertainty." This is doubtless true so far as it goes, but why not state the further and equally important fact that the Messrs. Dobson feel enough certainty in the tariff to enter now into contracts in England for large quantities of woolen waste to be imported as soon as the new tariff shall admit this important material free of taxation. The mills are closed not through fear of the Wilson tariff but to wait for its greater advantages! But it is not in keeping with the custom of organs to tell the truth about anything when the truth runs counter to the wails of the organs. The Messrs. Dobson are shrewd business men; they await greater advantages under a modified tariff system. And in the end the workmen of right should secure their share of the increased advantages.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND transmitted a message to Congress, Monday, relating to the Hawaiian question, in response to the resolutions passed by both houses of Congress requesting information. In introducing the subject matter of the message the President very appropriately and forcibly observes:

"I suppose that right and justice should determine the path to be followed in treating this subject. If national honesty is to be disregarded and a desire for territorial extension, or dissatisfaction with a form of government not our own, ought to regulate our conduct, I have entirely misapprehended the mission and character of our government and the behavior which the conscience of our people demands of their public servants."

The President gives a clear and convincing narrative of all the circumstances preceding and attending the overthrow of the Hawaiian government; he shows that the conduct of the United States Minister was contrary to diplomatic laws and not consistent with good faith, that the lawful government of Hawaii was overthrown by the authority of the U. S. Minister, and the government of a self-constituted committee set up in its place, a government that existed by United States support and without the consent of the people of Hawaii; that the Queen did not abdicate her authority to the provisional government; she abdicated it to the United States, pending the determination of her appeal to Washington. Believing, as the President did, that the United States could not under such circumstances annex the islands without "justly incurring the imputation of acquiring them by unjustifiable methods," he instructed our Minister to Hawaii to inform all parties concerned that he would not again submit the treaty of annexation to the Senate for its consideration. Mr. Willis was therefore instructed to inform the Queen that if she was prepared to resume her authority and maintain it, and would assure amnesty to those who had been led by the support of the United States into opposition to her government, she could expect the recognition of the United States, but that no troops would be furnished to restore or to maintain her in power. That could only be done by authority of Congress. And having vindicated the integrity of this country and its obedience to international equity, what more can be expected of President Cleveland?

The Pennsylvania Steel Company at Sparrows' Point, near Baltimore, have closed their great manufacturing plant. Why? Because the steel rail trust, with Carnegie as chief mogul has promised the payment of \$400,000—the estimated profits for one year—to the Company. And seven thousand men are thrown out of employment! No account was taken of the employees in the deal—and the shutting down has been charged to the Wilson bill. Further: steel rails are selling in this country at \$25 a ton, and \$17.25 delivered in Liverpool! See the difference and the why and wherefore? The steel rail trust is one of many similar combinations fostered by an excessive tariff.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has nominated Hon. Wayne MacVeagh, of Philadelphia, to be Ambassador to Italy in place of James J. Van Allen, of New York, who resigned two weeks ago. The President's recognition of this distinguished son of Pennsylvania is a gracious act. Mr. MacVeagh's exceptional qualifications for the honor extended him are beyond dispute. President Cleveland has done well, indeed. In this connection the Philadelphia Times remarks: "Mr. MacVeagh is a gentleman and a scholar, a profound lawyer, a man of wide cultivation and rare eloquence, whose social graces rival his professional attainments, and a diplomatist of ripened experience. We have had no representative at the Italian Court since the time of Mr. Marsh to be compared with him."

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.
WASHINGTON, Decem. 15, 1893.

It is perfectly plain from the speeches that have this week been made in the Senate on the Hawaiian policy of the administration, the bill for the repeal of the Federal election laws, and the tariff, that the Senators are cooked and primed for a long and bitter partisan debate on each of those questions. The news from Hawaii and the official information from the Department of State has apparently changed no opinions; on the contrary, the opinions previously held seem to have been intensified by the developments of the week. The bitter fight in the Senate committee over the re-committed bill for the repeal of the election laws is a certain indication of what may be expected on the floor of the Senate.

Senator Vest is the only man who has in a speech succeeded in straddling the Hawaiian question. He started out by scoring the republicans for trying to change the compact continental republic established by our forefathers into a great, expensive territory-acquiring government extending to the islands of the ocean, and to the uttermost parts of the earth. He ridiculed the Christian pretences of Minister Stevens and the New England revolutionists of Hawaii who, he said, had Christianized the natives out of their country, and had taken possession of it under the name of God, and then divided the land among themselves under a law made by themselves. He wound up by dissenting absolutely from the administration policy and said that the provisional government of Hawaii was a de facto government, having all the rights of a de jure government, so far as other nations are concerned; that any assault upon that government by armed forces of the United States would be an act of war that could alone be brought about by an act of Congress, and that he favored a withdrawal of every vestige of United States authority, from the islands, leaving the opposing factions to settle it among themselves.

Senator Stewart removed all doubt as to his opinion of the proposition to repeal the Federal Election laws, by making a speech in favor of the bill for that purpose, which is now pending. His position is in record with the one occupied by him when the Lodge election bill, commonly referred to as the "force bill," was before the Senate of the Fifty-first Congress. He did not forget to put in a few good words for silver in his speech; he never does, no matter what the subject of the speech may be.

It is now announced that President Cleveland will after the first of January resume the public receptions, the discontinuance of which caused so much grumbling from visitors to Washington. It is also stated that these receptions which used to be held three times a week at 1 o'clock P. M. were not stopped because of Mr. Cleveland's not desiring to meet the public, but because he needed the time devoted to the receptions for more important matters.

Delegate Rawlins, of Utah, won his spurs as a ready debater of first-rate ability during the short discussion which preceded the passing of the bill providing statehood for Utah by the House. There are reasons for the belief that the Senate will amend the bill by including Oklahoma, and if talk at this time counts for anything, the Senate will limit upon that amendment being accepted by the House.

So long as the criticism of the closing of the Senate chamber to visitors, shutting the public out of the Senate elevator and closing every door, excepting two, of the Capitol at 4.30 p. m., was confined to entering these things up to the credit of exclusiveness the Senators did not mind much, although Senator Peffer introduced a resolution to have the Senate chamber opened to the public as it has always been when the Senate was not in session; but it hurts some of them when the charge is made, as it has been this week, that it isn't exclusiveness which has wrought these changes in rules old enough to be Senators themselves, but fear of personal injury on the part of certain Senators. Senator Brice's resolution for the appointment of twelve additional Capitol policemen has been used as an additional argument in favor of the scare theory. It

may soon be in order for the Senators to make personal explanations concerning this matter.

The democrats of the House Ways and Means committee are still wrestling with the troublesome tariff bill, which has not yet been reported to the House. The fact that they have in response to outside pressure made a number of changes in the schedules, all increases of duty, has reduced the pressure upon them to make other changes before the bill is reported. It has been settled that a caucus will be held in the bill, but attempts are now being made to defer the caucus until the bill has been reported and the internal revenue bill, upon which little work has been done this week, is completed. It is not now expected that the tariff debate will begin in the House until after the holidays.

Prominent silver men are holding a conference here for the purpose of formulating plans for the next Congressional campaign.

Woman Suffrage.

At a recent meeting of the Woman Suffrage Association at Norristown the following paper was read by Mrs. Sarah H. Tyson, being a tribute to the memory of Mrs. Lucy Stone:

We meet to pay tribute to the memory of one of the noblest women of this era. Words are inadequate to portray the magnitude of her virtues, and the extent and power of the abundant good she accomplished in the work of her life. We can do no greater evidence present to us of the perfection of the human character, than by bringing the wrongs and sufferings of our fellow-creatures so near to us that we are bound in a common cause with them, and willingly give all our energies to alleviate their burdens and hasten a triumphant deliverance from every bond of oppression. This was the mission of our lamented friend Lucy Stone. She, early in life, fitted herself for the lecture field that she might give expression to her earnest convictions of the injustice that oppressed humanity and while she recognized oppression in every form, the cause of woman was her most earnest plea. She encountered a storm of opposition, and many persecutions, but all undoubted she pressed forward in the cause she had adopted with an earnestness and vigor that knew no abatement. She worked with a courage that assured her the victory would be won, and thousands of women to-day may pay willing tribute to her memory for the good she has done for them. It was her forcible and persuasive presentation of the subject that opened the minds of the people, until they realized that women were capable of being fitted for any position that freedom confers upon a citizen. Looking upon her face when her life was almost finished on earth, one beheld the reflex of a pure spirit, and that sweet serene expression could only adorn the face of one possessing a clean heart, and whose labors through a long life had brought peace and contentment to bless her in the evening of her waning life. Many eulogies have been pronounced bearing testimony to the peculiar sweetness of her voice and manner and of the great simplicity in presenting her forcible and convincing arguments. Her power is acknowledged by the press, in a laudatory manner, though a few years ago, it was severe and unjust in its criticisms, clearly illustrating a change of sentiment, and a recognition of true merit in a just cause. To review her life, and the difficulties she encountered and conquered to bring about the changes that now surround us, leave us little comparatively to complete the work. We should gather inspiration from her achievements, and work with renewed energy till the goal is won. We mourn her departure, we shall miss her words of love and wisdom, but her loss to the dear ones whose home she made an Eden—they are sadly bereft. They have our sincere sympathy.

THE FAT OF THE LAND GOES TO THEM.

From the Allentown City-Item.
The men who have been figuring so prominently in the Lehigh Valley strike are being very well paid, considering that their subordinates are all men who work for a living. Seventeen years ago Grand Chief Arthur, of the Engineers' Brotherhood, was a plain locomotive engineer; he now lives in mansion in Cleveland and is paid \$5,000 a year and expenses. E. E. Clark, grand chief of the Order of Railway Conductors, receives \$5,000 a year and expenses. Grand Master Sargent, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, receives \$4,000 a year and expenses. Grand Chief Wilkins, of the Brotherhood of Trainmen, \$4,000 a year and expenses. D. G. Ramsey, grand chief of the Order of Telegraphers, receives \$3,500 a year and expenses. Terence V. Powderly, who has just been deposed as leader of the Knights of Labor, has gotten a great deal more than honor out of that organization. At the late convention at Philadelphia it was shown that Powderly and a few other officials had received last year over \$26,000, which was more than half of all the contributions of the order.

CAMERON IS JUSTIFIED.

From the Philadelphia Times.
Senator Cameron, in his speech during the discussion of the silver bill, showed a clearer appreciation of the policy of his party than the younger Republicans who so vigorously and even violently attacked him. He pointed out that the government bounty upon the production of silver, which was real purpose of the Sherman act, was logically associated with the system of bounties upon other products provided by the McKinley tariff. He foresaw that the beneficiaries of these tariff bounties would clamor for their retention, precisely as the silver men were clamoring for the retention of the bounty that especially benefited them. He was honest enough to insist that all interests be treated alike, and that those who expected to be benefited by tariff bounties should stand by those who were getting their protection from a direct appropriation from the Treasury.

The present attitude of the opponents of tariff revision entirely justifies Senator Cameron's argument, and shows him to have been really the one candid and clear exponent of the Republican policy throughout. The silver men, to maintain their own advantage, were willing to keep the whole country in suspense and anxiety and in imminent danger of bankruptcy. Now the turn of the protected monopolies of the East has come, and they in a precisely similar way are threatening to hold up legislation and prolong the industrial depression that has resulted directly from the operation of existing laws, rather than allow those laws to be altered to the detriment of what they think, or pretended to think, their interests.

In reality the industries of Colorado are in a more healthy condition to-day than they were before the repeal of the silver purchase act, and three months after the enactment of the Wilson tariff the industries of Pennsylvania will be in better condition than they have been in for several years. But the political policy of the opponents of reform is practically identical in both cases, and Senator Cameron, who but lately was the subject of denunciatory resolutions from various political and commercial bodies in the State, stands up as the true representative of Pennsylvania Republicanism to-day.

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HOW FARMERS ARE SWINDLED.

VINELAND, N. J. December 16.—Another cute game has been played upon several of the farmers of Cumberland county. Swindlers produce an apparently genuine contract offering the farmers seed, wheat and 100 pounds of phosphate per acre for half the crop. The paper when signed turns out to be a note for \$200 or \$300.

FREE RAW MATERIALS.

From the Seattle Telegraph.
The experience of all countries is that to take the duties of raw materials is to stimulate manufacture. It cannot be fairly claimed that the people of the United States are able to purchase all the manufactured articles which they require, the reason being that prices are too high. Protectionists must admit that by high duties prices are artificially forced up. If a duty is imposed on the raw material as well as the manufactured articles the price is further augmented.

FACTS COUNT MORE IN THE END.

From the Reading Telegraph.
Those persons who imagined that the Cleveland administration was going to wipe the pensioners from the face of the earth, may be surprised to learn that since March 4 only 3,000 names have been dropped from the pension rolls on charges, while 67,704 new pension certificates have been issued. During Governor Cleveland's first administration 192,000 were added to the pension rolls, which makes a quarter of a million persons drawing pensions for the first time under Cleveland's administration.

REPORTS ON THE TARIFF.

WASHINGTON, December 18.—Chairman Wilson, of the committee on ways and means, has completed his report on the tariff revision bill and its salient features have been communicated to Secretary Carlisle. With the data contained in the House report before him, Secretary Carlisle has been able to complete his long-delayed annual report of the condition of the Treasury. It is expected that Chairman Wilson will submit his report to the House to-morrow, and that the Secretary of the Treasury will transmit his annual report to both houses of Congress on Wednesday. The minority report, which has been prepared by the Republican members of the committee, is ready for submission to the House, and it will be presented by Mr. Reed immediately after the report of the majority is made by Mr. Wilson.

Cure for Headache.

As a remedy for all forms of Headache Electric Bitters has proved to be the very best. It effects a permanent cure of the most dreaded habitual sick headaches, yield to its influence. Cases where it has been used to procure a bottle and give this remedy a fair trial. In cases of habitual constipation Electric Bitters cures by giving the needed action to the bowels, and few cases long resist the use of this medicine. Try it once. Large bottles only 50 cents at Culbert's Drug Store.

THE JINGOISTS' LAST EFFORT.

From the Detroit Free Press.
Since Minister James, Garfield then being the President and Blaine Secretary of State, attempted to steal some islands of guano from Peru, the United States flag hasn't done much in the jingo and usurpation line since Minister Stevens, Harrison in the chair and Foster on deck, ran it up at Hawaii. The Stars and Stripes were never intended for such purpose. The colors of the late Commander Kidd would be more appropriate for the jingoists.

EXTENSION.

The Date of the Offer of a Hat or Cap from the Cheap Lot FREE with an Overcoat or Material for Same is Hereby Extended to—

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On Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, 1893, the STORE will be closed all day.

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Very respectfully,

KULP & WAGNER

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DISSOLUTION NOTICE:

The co-partnership heretofore existing between Emma L. Kulp and Charles A. Wagner, dealers in General Merchandise, at Grater's Ford, Pa., will be dissolved by mutual consent on Dec. 31, 1893. All persons having claims against the firm are requested to present them at once, and those owing it, to make immediate settlement. After Jan. 1, 1894, all financial business of the retiring firm will be transacted by Charles A. Wagner, at the store.

Whatsoever share of the public we wish to thank our friends and customers for their kind remembrance of us, and to express our gratitude for the generous share of their business given us in our four and a-half years' business career. Very cordially,

EMMA L. KULP,
CHAR. A. WAGNER.

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LADIES' COATS from \$3.00 up to those of the most handsome materials, with rich Fur Trimmings and stylish Umbrella or Columbian back and collars, in all sizes, in light shades, blue and black.

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NEW DRESS GOODS, from low-priced up to very handsome goods at \$2.00. We bought direct of an honest old Scotch manufacturer the best 50 cent DRESS GOODS that can possibly be produced, all ready shrunk, in Hop sack, Diagonal, Crepons, Storm Serges, Granite, etc. Don't miss seeing our Cloaks, Dress Goods and Furs.

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There is no need of elaborate mention in the line of DRY GOODS, it being sufficient to say that the shelves are filled with the best muslins, damasks, calicoes, gingham, dress goods, &c. A fair exchange—goods for cents and dollars must benefit both seller and buyer equally; we'll see that you get FULL value.

Be sure to give us a trial in the line of

GROCERIES!

Full line syrups, 25c. a gallon and upwards; 4 lbs. large raisins, 25c.; 4 lbs. head rice, 25c.; 4 lbs. rice, 25c.; crystal rice, 5c. lb.; 6 lbs. for 25c.

There is much room for deception in handling groceries. Our aim is to deal in pure goods.

In furnishing goods for men, women and children, we mean to lead. In SCHOOL SUPPLIES for boys and girls who are going to assist in conducting the affairs of township, State and Nation, by and by, we have just what they want.

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Cash prices paid for Scrap Cast Iron, delivered at the foundry; machine cast, 10c. per 100; stove and pipe cast, 12c. per 100; wrought scrap, 35c. per 100. ROBERTS MACHINE WORKS, Collegeville, Pa.

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Thursday, Dec. 21, 1893.

Home Flashes and Sparks From Abroad.

- Ere another issue
- Of the INDEPENDENT
- Reaches its readers
- The Christmas of 1893
- Will have come and gone.

—A "merry Christmas" to all is the earnest wish of the scribe.

—The gripe might have postponed its visitations until after the holidays.

—It might, but it hasn't.

—And a great many people will have to accept it as a part of their Christmas Day experience.

—If only the old year firmly grips the gripe and bids it also to depart with 1893, the old year will do well in its last days.

—"You ought to be very proud of your wife. She is a brilliant talker." "You're right there." "Why, I could listen to her all night." "I often do."

Texas Siftings.

—The gripe has made its appearance in Kennett Square, Chester county, and at present there are no less than 100 cases.

—M. T. Hunsicker, the store merchant of Ironsbridge, is making special efforts to please buyers of Christmas goods.

—Isaac S. Borneman, M. S. Kulp and Harry D. Wile have been appointed a jury to lay out a road in Perkiomen township.

—George W. Eagens, aged 40 years, superintendent of the McGinnis quarries, near Norristown, was fatally burned Monday morning by the premature explosion of a blast.

—Neighbor Bechtel makes furniture buyers a special offer in his new advertisement in another column. Read it.

—A long train of platform freight cars, loaded with electric or trolley cars from St. Louis, went southward over the Perkiomen road, Friday.

—The Dunkards, or Brethren, of Central Pennsylvania have decided to establish a home for the old and needy of their denomination, and a site has been selected at Shireysburg, Huntingdon county.

—Thieves visited the henry of Thomas Long, King-of-Prussia, and stole fifty chickens. They killed them by wringing their necks, and then picked them on the premises.

—"Prince Victor," the Holstein steer exhibited at the World's Fair by Wm. M. Singler, was killed Saturday at Philadelphia. Live weight: 3630 pounds. The animal dressed about 70 pounds to the hundred.

—Read the new advertisement of E. L. Markley of the Grand Depot, Royersford.

—Thomas Kelly, 60 years old was run over and killed Saturday on the Reading Railroad, near Shur's Lane.

—The Methodist preachers will find a warm welcome and plenty of yellow-legged chickens awaiting them here next week.—Dawson News.

—A. H. Hendricks, Esq., now of Pottstown, was in town Saturday. He is much pleased with his new location and future prospects.

—Read the important announcements contained in the new advertisement of Kulp & Wagner, Grater's Ford.

—The court house officials have donated 1500 loaves of bread for the poor of Norristown on Christmas day. It will be distributed by the Emergency Relief Association, which is now actively at work.

—About 800 marriage licenses will have been issued by the Clerk of Courts ere the year 1893 closes. The marriage license law went into operation Oct. 5, 1885, and the number issued to the present time is 5436.

—The Court has granted permission to Archbishop Ryan to remove the dead in the old cemetery in Norristown to the new Catholic cemetery in Norristown.

—Some people are having a hog-killing time. But many, alas! are having a killing time of it trying to get the hog.—Hartwell Sun.

—A New York murder trial always suggests a pond and ventilate the theories.—Swansea Gazette.

—In consequence of the cart which he was driving, coming into collision with a trolley car on Monday at Pottstown, Josiah Smith, 79 years of age, was thrown out and severely injured.

—Mrs. Susan Lewis, of Norristown, who, while temporarily insane, jumped from a window in the Norristown Hospital, shot herself Thursday morning. She lingered until 4.30 p. m., when she died.

RELIGIOUS.

M. E. church, Evansburg. Sabbath school at 9.30 a. m., every Sabbath. Preaching, 10.45 a. m., and every Sabbath evening at 7.30.

Episcopal service at St. James' Evansburg every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., Sunday School, 2 p. m. Also a service at Royersford at 3 p. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, Rector.

Services Sunday morning next at 10 o'clock at Augustus Lutheran church, Trappe. Subject: "Who Are the Wise Men?" Evening service at 7.30 o'clock. Subject: "The Apostle Lebbeus." All invited.

Preaching at St. Luke's church, Trappe, Thursday and Friday evenings of this week at 7.30. Special service on Sunday at 10.30 a. m. At this service boy choir will render the music. No preaching Sunday evening.

Services next Sunday in Evangelical churches of Trappe circuit, as follows: Limerick, 10 a. m.; Schwenksville, 10.30 p. m.; Trappe, 1.15 p. m. Rev. W. J. Scheldy, of Reading, will preach at each place.

MATRIMONY.

On Saturday, December 16, at the Lutheran parsonage, Trappe, by Rev. E. T. Kretschmann, Mr. Hiram Bucher, of Limerick, to Miss Lizzie S. Tyson, of Trappe.

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS.

Winter bran, \$16.75 @ \$17.00; flour, \$2.90 to \$4.00; rye flour, \$2.95; wheat, 65¢ to 69¢; corn, 42¢; oats, 37¢; butter, 28 to 35¢; live fowls, 8 @ 8½¢; dressed fowls, 8 @ 9½¢; Timothy hay, \$1.00 @ \$1.10; mixed, 90¢ @ \$1.00; straw, 65 @ 75¢.

MUCH SICKNESS AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

No less than one hundred of the inmates of the almshouse are at present prostrated, suffering from the gripe. No fatalities have thus far been attributed to the disease. Some of the cases, however, are quite serious and may prove fatal.

DONATION DAY.

To-day (Thursday) will be donation day at Augustus Lutheran church, Trappe, for the Orphans' Home at Germantown. All members who desire to send a Christmas gift of money, goods, or provisions of any kind will please bring their contributions to the church to-day.

INVENTIONS AND PATENTS.

Persons who have made inventions are invited to write to Messrs. Munn & Co., No. 361 Broadway, N. Y., who will advise them, without charge, whether a patent can probably be obtained. Book of instruction sent free, containing hints for producing advances on inventions, etc. Over forty-five years' experience.

THE OLD SORREL GONE.

An old and faithful sorrel mare belonging to Mr. W. H. Cassaday, of this township, died last week. Away back in 1871 the animal did service as one of the mail stage coach team traveling daily from this place to Boyertown, and despite the hard work for several years in that line and almost continuous service until this winter, the beast lived to be about 29 years old.

THE COLUMBIA DESK CALENDAR.

which is issued annually by the Pope Manufacturing Company, of Columbia Bicycle fame, is out for 1894, much improved in appearance. It is a pad calendar of the same size and shape as those of previous years, having a leaf for each day, but its attractiveness has been heightened by the work of a clever artist, who has scattered a series of bright pen-drawings through its pages.

A CHURCH DESTROYED.

The nearly completed Methodist Episcopal church at Narbeth, Lower Merion township, was destroyed by fire early Friday morning, shortly after midnight. The cornerstone of the church was laid in October of last year. The structure cost \$8000, and it was expected that it would be finished in a few weeks. The church trustees have an insurance of \$4000. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The church will be rebuilt.

FROM PORT PROVIDENCE.

The United Brethren in Christ will hold their Christmas entertainment on Tuesday evening, December 26. A grand time is expected. On Saturday afternoon and evening, December 23, the Brethren will hold a market. Come and get a good supply for Christmas.

The porkers are nearly all dead and we are glad that we have a little scrap of meat and sausage to eat and a little to give our neighbors.

THE ANONYMOUS SLANDERER.

The anonymous writer of a slanderous letter is the most contemptible specimen of a thing in the shape of a human being to be found on the earth. His cowardice is pitiable and his conduct that of the slimy copperhead. He is a murderer of character and bears the mark of Cain on his forehead.—Pottstown Ledger. We do not know about the "mark of Cain," but we do know that anonymous slanderers are frequently wicked enough to be hung.

STEREOTYPE LECTURE.

Mr. Takeo Noya, a native of Japan, will deliver a stereotyped lecture on Saturday evening, December 30, in Industrial Hall, Schwenksville. The lecturer is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, and of the Theological Seminary, as well, and he is eminently qualified to speak of the social, domestic, civil and religious life of Japan. His illustrations on canvases are of the best made. Admission 10, 20 and 25 cents. All are invited to be present.

DISTRICT INSTITUTE.

The District Institute of Perkiomen township, which meets semi-monthly, have arranged the following program for the next meeting, which will be held on Tuesday evening, January 2, 1894, in the Schwenksville school building: Literature, "Elizabethan Age," (third period), Miss Mary Eber; Psychology, "Memory," Mr. Chas. A. Wagner; Philosophy, "Electricity," Mr. M. C. Meyer; Rhetoric, "Punctuation," Mr. H. C. Brunner. Everybody cordially invited to be present and take part.

"ON THE HILL" AT NORRISTOWN.

Prothonotary-elect Samuel E. Nyce will perform the active duties of the position as at present during the term. The only change will be the substitution of Abraham D. Hallman as a court officer for Deputy Prothonotary F. T. Beeger, who has acted in that capacity during Mr. Schetz's incumbency of the office.

The County Commissioners' appointments for the next three years will be as follows: Clerk, Edward Eshenans; Solicitor, ex-Senator Henry R. Brown; Transcribers, Daniel Stewart, Conshohocken; Daniel H. Hittner, Norristown; Richard Someis, Pottstown.

Recorder of Deeds-elect George W. Keys, announces the following appointments to assist him in conducting the office: Deputy—William H. Murphy, Cheltenham. Index and Miscellaneous clerks—Horace B. Righter, Spring Mill; Edward L. Owens, Norristown. Transcribers—Wills D. Barr, Bridgeport; J. Harvey Griffith, Conshohocken; Stephen T. Major, Norristown; Henry K. Keyser, Lower Salford.

FINE STOCK.

Trappe beats them all for fine stock. At a public sale of fresh cows held by James Wynkoop, at Smoyer's hotel, Trappe, last Monday, one Holstein cow, having a record of over 31 quarts of milk per day, was sold to Daniel Fryer, of this township, for \$72.

A PROBLEM.

Here's a problem for the lads and lassies who go to school. Those who have quit school may also find the question quite interesting. Send along your solutions. "Stand a ladder 100 feet high straight up against a wall of the same height; then pull the bottom of the ladder out ten feet from the wall, letting the top slide down against the wall; how far would the top of the ladder be from the top of the wall?"

TWENTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY.

The twenty-third anniversary of the Schaff Literary Society of Ursinus College was held in Bomberger Memorial Hall, last Friday evening. Following was the program:

Music: Invocation, Rev. H. T. Spangler, Collegeville, Pa.; Salutatory, "Wealth," H. O. Williams, '96, Yerkess, Pa.; Music: Oration, "Annexation of Cuba," Edward Ebert, '96, Ironbridge, Pa.; Oration, "Religious Freedom in our Public Schools," Robert C. Ledy, '95, Pennsylvania, Pa.; Oration, "Are Trade Unions Beneficial?" Hugh H. Gray, '94, Rhorbaugh, Va.; Eulogy, "Philip Schaff," L. J. Rhorbaugh, '94, New Shinsheim, Pa.; Music: Schaff Oration, "American Iconoclasm," J. Stauffer, '94, Elizabethville, Pa.; Music: Benediction, Rev. H. T. Spangler; Music.

EXCITEMENT AT PHENIXVILLE.

The Louisville bridge, which was wrecked Friday by the high wind, was erected by the Phoenix Bridge Company, Phenixville, and when the news of the disaster was received, there was considerable excitement, and it was thought some of the workmen killed were from that borough. The span which fell was 520 feet long, and weighed 1,800,000 pounds. The loss to the Company will reach fully \$100,000. Dispatches received Friday evening stated that no mechanics residing in Phenixville were killed or injured, and that the loss to the Company was not so great, on account of insurance, as was expected. About twenty men were killed in the terrible disaster.

A BIRD'S EYE VIEW.

Messrs. Fowler & Moyer, artists, have completed an excellent pencil sketch representing a bird's eye view of Collegeville and the upper part of Trappe and including all the residences and business places along the line. The old Trappe church and the Ursinus College buildings will be specially illustrated on the lower margin. The work exhibits much artistic skill and is a faithful representation of this locality on paper. Mr. Moyer is taking orders for lithographic reproductions of the view, and if sufficiently encouraged the lithographs will be executed. A fine picture it will be when finished; it will look so very much like home that all who are interested in Collegeville and Trappe will surely want "a bird's eye view."

A LANDSLIDE FIRE.

A narrow escape from a destructive fire occurred at the corner of the house of W. H. Rosenberg, at Broad street and the North Penn. Railroad, early Sunday morning. About 3.30 o'clock George Fry, the watchman at Heebner mill, discovered that the third story of the building, which contained a stock of carriages and wagons valued at \$5,000, was on fire. He immediately gave the alarm and a hose belonging to Heebner was attached to the plug in front of the establishment and was turned on the fire. The landslide fire was promptly extinguished, not, however, until several wagons had been burned. Considerable damage also ensued from water and chemicals. The loss is not much less than \$10,000, which is covered by insurance. The fire is supposed to have originated from the stove in the upper part of the building.

A LARGE ESTATE AND MANY CREDITORS.

The report of Henry M. Brownback, Esq., auditor of the assigned estate of Francis Nace, of Norristown, to distribute the balance in the hands of the assignees, has been filed and confirmed nisi. The amount realized over and above the expenses from personal property and real estate is \$7911.45, to be distributed among the following creditors: Mary S. Leech \$20,000; Zieber Hart \$1050; Peter Houck \$2100; Leonia Nace \$5355; Geo. C. Morgan \$446 25; J. G. Gross \$144.73; Bertha N. Gross \$126.28; Susan Leech \$270.55; Francis Burger \$525; W. B. Gross \$2537.10; Hannah Faust \$97.73; Peoples National Bank \$5202; Tobias Scholl \$7.40; total, \$50,994.69. The Leech claim participated in the other personal property dividend, which was at the rate of 2.41 per cent. The others obtained the full benefit of the real estate dividend, which was 37.37 per cent.

LADIES' AID.

The Ladies' Aid of Trinity Reformed church, this place, met at Fenton's Hall on Monday evening, Mrs. Fenton had arranged an interesting and pleasant program for the evening's amusement and every one went away well pleased, pronouncing it one of the most successful meetings in the history of the society. The literary program was as follows: Music, Mandolin and Guitar Club, of Ursinus; Reading, Free Comrades; Mrs. E. G. Hobson; Vocal Solo with Guitar accompaniment, Mr. Joseph Royer; Recitation, The Charcoal Man, Mr. L. D. Conkle; Music, Mandolin and Guitar Club; Recitation, the Christmas Baby, Miss Jessie Royer; Vocal Solo, Mr. Joseph Royer. After the literary program the gentlemen had a contest in hat and bonnet trimming, each one allowed thirty minutes. After the hats were trimmed four lady judges awarded honors. And such hats! Such combinations of flowers, ribbons, laces and feathers! Mr. Loose won first prize, which was a beautiful shawl cap, and Mr. Erb won the "booby" prize—a "Bow-wow." The society adjourned to meet five weeks later at the residence of F. G. Hobson Esq.

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We authorize our advertised druggist to sell King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, upon condition that you are afflicted with a cough, cold or any lung, throat or chest trouble and will use this remedy as directed, giving it a fair trial, and experience no benefit, you may return the bottle and have your money refunded. We could not make this offer if we were not sure that King's New Discovery could be relied on. It never disappoints. Trial bottle free at Culbert's Drug Store. Large size 50¢ and \$1.00.

Christmas Exercises.

The usual Christmas Trappe service at St. James, Evansburg, will be held on Christmas night, Monday, December 25, at 7.15. Also a Christmas service in the morning at 10. All welcome.

The Christmas festival of Augustus Lutheran Sunday School, Trappe, will be held on Saturday evening, December 23, at 7.30 o'clock. An excellent program of music and other exercises has been carefully prepared and with the elaborate decorations promises a very enjoyable service. All are cordially invited.

The Christmas service at Trinity Reformed church, this place, will be held on Christmas evening, Saturday, December 24, at 7.30 o'clock. A very superior program has been arranged with choice music, recitations by the little ones, and an address by the Pastor. There will be a Christmas tree and presents will be given to the scholars. All invited.

The Christmas festivities of the Sunday School of St. Luke's, Trappe, will be held on Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. The church will be elaborately decorated and an interesting program of song, prayer and recitation will be rendered. The address of the evening will be delivered by Rev. C. Broadhead, of the Lower Providence Presbyterian church. All are invited.

Local Institute.

County Superintendent Hofferker met the teachers and directors of Skipack Thursday evening and arranged a program for the local institute to be held there January 26th and 27th.

To Assess Damages.

The Montgomery county court, Saturday, appointed Ellis Lukens, S. Powell Childs and H. W. Kratz as a jury to assess damages for land to be appropriated by the Valley Forge Park Commissioners for park purposes at Washington's headquarters.

Will Go to Norristownville.

John U. Hendricks, merchant at Eagleview, who recently sold his store, has purchased the Norristownville store of Jonas U. Cassel and will take possession January 13, 1894. The present manager of the store is Daniel U. Cassel.

To Be Installed.

At the first meeting of Harmony Grange in January the following officers will be installed: Master, Charles Klansfelder; Overseer, John K. Kulp; Lecturer, W. K. Anson; Steward, Henry B. Hunsberger; Assistant, Henry B. Hunsicker; Chaplain, George K. Kieble; Treasurer, G. T. Hunsicker; Secretary, Miss Sarah R. Hunsicker; Gate Keeper, Frank G. Bean; Lady Officers: Ceres, Mrs. Jacob B. Markley; Pomona, Mrs. A. A. Stauffer; Flora, Mrs. Enos S. Schwenk; Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. Charles Klansfelder. W. K. Anson, of Worcester, represented the Grange at the annual session of the State Grange at Harrisburg last week.

Holiday Excursion Tickets.

In order to stimulate travel during the Christmas and New Year holiday season, the Reading Railroad offers special inducements in the way of low fares over its lines. Between all points west of Philadelphia (including the city and Plymouth Branches) special excursion tickets will be sold Dec. 23d, to 25th, inclusive, and Dec. 29 to January 1st, inclusive, all good to return until and including January 3d, 1894. The minimum rates for these special tickets will be 25 cents for adults and 13 cents for children. These fares do not apply to points on the Germantown, New York or Bethlehem Branches.

DAMAGES FOR A LIFE.

At Doylestown on Friday, Mrs. Francis Weiss, widow of William Weiss, who resides at Telford, on the Bucks and Montgomery line, recovered a verdict of damages amounting to \$1343.15 from the administrator of Geo. Hunsicker, deceased, for the willful killing of her husband. During an altercation on July 1, 1892, Hunsicker struck Weiss on the head with half a brick, from the effects of which Weiss died a week later. Hunsicker was tried in Norristown and convicted of manslaughter, and died in the jail here about ten months ago. Civil proceedings were then brought before Judge Yerkes by the widow for damages for the loss of her husband, and the jury has awarded her \$1333.15 against Hunsicker's estate as stated.

From Oaks,

Many of our people are expecting to see a white Christmas but Morg. says n-o white Christmas this time, b-b-but a b-b-blue one.

He means perhaps a blowy one and thinks we will have a "bliz-art."

They are having revival meetings at Green Tree.

Arnold Francis was laid up with the grip for one week but is on duty again.

Many complain, and Jo Thomas, Ward Nichols, and Jake Baum, have been gripped.

I. R. Weikel caught a possum in his cellar and the wonder is how it got there. Perhaps the same way the gay and festive, indecentious, pediculus which made things lively in our public schools gets there. It was there anyway.

About hogs: David Harvey, look tender, killed a hog that weighed 384 pounds.

Charley Taylor came on next with a hog weighing 312 pounds.

The returns are not all in yet; wait until you hear from Pine Town and Mission Ridge, then you will hear something drop.

The boys had fine skating down at the dock but the heavy rain on Saturday ruined it.

Hattie Carter has gone to Pottstown.

The weather for the few days past, Saturday Sunday and Monday has been anything but winter weather; more like the blustery days of March.

Fred Miller is putting a coat of paint on his house.

The boys find it very unhandy since our barber moved over to Pawling.

Before the next INDEPENDENT is published Christmas will be over and we hope the Editor will be remembered with a fine fat turkey. Would send you only they roost too high. But we wish you, and all your patrons a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

From Limerick.

Your correspondent is contending with the grip. How soon we shall be able to shake it off remains to be seen. Harry Bean, Montg. Missiner and others have been seized with the same malady.

Fernwood school was closed beginning of the week, owing to the teacher, Miss Mary D. Bechtel, having the grip.

J. Harvey Thomas, of Limerick Square, was minus his fine Newfoundland dog last week. After an absence of several days he returned to his master. The supposition is that he was stolen and managed to escape from the clutches of the thief.

On Thanksgiving evening Abel Nettles, who lives on the Hillborn farm, near Royersford, went to the barn to tend to his sick cow, when the bottom of the lantern dropped out and fell into the straw, igniting it instantly. Mr. Nettles ran out and called for help. His daughter came to the rescue, pouring bucket after bucket of water on the flames which were spreading under the cows. By her heroic efforts the fiery elements were subdued and the building and contents saved. His son Frank, whilst in the act of taking his horse from the stable, was kicked on the breast and rendered senseless. Excitement reigned supreme for the time being.

Notwithstanding the impropitious weather last Thursday evening the Y. P. S. L. Society rendered the following program to a fair-sized and appreciative audience: Singing by Society; Reading the Scriptures and minutes; Devotional, "The Mariner's Dream," by David Rittenberg; Solo by Prof. H. G. Miller, of Royersford; Select Reading, "Old Man Going to Town," by C. W. Johnson; Reading, "As Poor Richard Says," Ralph L. Johnson; Vocal Solo, Miss Stella Urner of Royersford; the Item by C. W. Johnson; Solo, Prof. H. G. Miller; Debate—Resolved, "That woman has done more for the civilization of the world than man," was discussed affirmatively by David Rittenberg, negatively by W. B. Johnson and Daniel Outinger. The judges were Perival Willard, John Brunner and Miss Mame Bean, who decided in favor of the affirmative. After an animated general discussion the house favored the affirmative. Adjourned to meet on Thursday evening, Dec. 19. Program next week.

Rev. E. Clark Hibbsman preached in St. Luke's church, Trappe, last Sunday, from St. Luke 5: 12. Having been an eye witness of leprosy-stricken persons, we turned away with horror at the dread spectacle as we would to-day were we to give a proper description of it. Leprosy is loathsome, infectious and fatal. So is sin. There is a mild type and a malignant form of leprosy and of sin. The former feeds on the body and kills it; the latter preys on the soul and destroys it. Leprous persons were cut off from all associates, hid in caves, there to die. Sinners will be driven from the presence of the holy and the righteous into eternal death. Leprosy was incurable. Sin may be blotted out and man be saved by application to Jesus who healed the leper in the text.

From the Far West.

The following is a portion of a letter written by Mr. J. B. Johnson, of Colfax, Washington, to a relative in this section. We are pleased to be permitted to publish the same. Mr. Johnson says:

"The season just past has been one of the most eventful, and one long to be remembered by the inhabitants of this Great Palouse country. Those having lived and farmed here for twenty years say they have never experienced one like it. In saying that it will not soon be forgotten, I am sustained by the fact that circumstances over which man had no control have brought severe disappointment and distress to many, and the outlook to many families throughout this North-west is anything but encouraging. When harvest came last August the grain crop promised a bountiful yield. We together with some of our neighbors began cutting our wheat the latter part of month stated. We had 225 acres to harvest and thresh—200 of which were in one field. For several days the weather was fine and everything went 'merry as a marriage-bell.' Soon, however, it began to rain now and then, and whenever the standing grain was wet, of course heading had to stop, because it must be sufficiently dry when put in stack, for threshing. The wet weather set in the second week of September, and it has been setting ever since. The headers were here three weeks, and then went away before finishing, we then cut about fifteen acres with the binder. We should have finished all of it in ten days, under ordinary circumstances. Before the headers crew went away the threshing outfit pulled in and both were here together for a day and a half making an army of about thirty to feed including help and family besides feed for thirty-five horses. We were sixteen days threshing, and should have only seven or eight. Had 4165 sacks of wheat, about 9000 bushels and about 900 bushels of oats. It rained hard few hours of threshing. All the grain was in sacks in piles on the field all this time and of course got pretty wet. Commenced hauling to the warehouse next day, continuing several days, when it rained again harder than ever. We then went to work hauling from field to barn, shed, granary, and any other place to get it out of the way of the storms. After getting it all in we re-sacked most of the wheat in order to make it marketable. This took much time and was hard work, besides increasing expenses. At this time about 3500 bushels have been put in—about 2000 in sacks and more hauled and sold—the remainder is still on the premises, stuck around where it would puzzle even the sheriff to find all of it. There are very few persons in all this section that were as fortunate as we in saving the crop. In some sections of the country nearly one-fourth of the grain is still standing out in the fields uncut, and much that is stacked is rotten, and many who have threshed have not a bushel of merchantable grain, because it was grown before cutting. There are hundreds of acres of standing grain right in this neighborhood, which will not be cut, and the fields are now swarming with cattle, horses, and hogs, eating it, thus getting some benefit for a year's labor. It is estimated by close observers that at least one-half of the grain of this county was so badly damaged as to be practically lost.

WYNKOOP IS COMING WITH FRESH COWS!

Will be sold at public sale, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1893, at Smoyer's hotel, Trappe, \$20 head of fresh cows direct from the Cumberland county, where the best big milkers grow. Also 50 shoats. Farmers and dairymen should attend this sale. Sale at 2 o'clock. Conditions by JAMES WYNKOOP. W. M. Pierson, auct. J. M. Zimmerman, clerk.

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Accommodation.....	4.05 p. m.
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Accommodation.....	9.06 a. m.
Market.....	12.56 p. m.
Accommodation.....	5.46 p. m.
SUNDAYS—SOUTH.	
Milk.....	7.12 a. m.
Accommodation.....	8.13 p. m.
NORTH.	
Accommodation.....	9.43 a. m.
Milk.....	7.37 p. m.

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Trains for Baltimore, Washington, the South and West, via B. & O. R. R., leave Market and 12th Street Station, (P. & R. R.), at 8.45, 7.55, 11.26, a. m., 3.58, 5.47, 7.22, 8.25, p. m.

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cure a thrifty growth liberal feeding is necessary at the time it is an item to lessen the cost as fully as possible. In a majority of cases it is rather more with the growing than the fattening stock that cutting and grinding the feed is of the most advantage. Says the *Nebraska Farmer*: With fattening stock usually the greater part of the ration must be grain, while if properly prepared, with growing stock, the greater part of the feed can be roughness. In fact, if well sheltered, cattle, sheep and horses may readily be kept in a good growing condition with plenty of cut roughness, to which a small quantity of wheat has been added.

Then a better opportunity for making up rations is afforded. Even if all the roughness is not cut yet, in many cases it will be a good plan to cut a sufficient quantity to use the grain to a good advantage in making up a ration and feeding more or less whole. This is especially the case when the stock are fed grain only once a day. As with nearly or quite all other kinds of farm work, if grain is to be ground or the roughness cut, it will be a good plan to make the necessary arrangements in advance so that the work can be commenced in good season. With a little care in feeding, the stock can be kept in good condition with less feed than if all is fed whole, and the saving made can be largely considered profit. Feed economically, and yet sufficiently liberal to keep thrifty, taking care not to stint the feed at the expense of the growth of the stock. *Christian at Work.*

THE FOUNDATION OF A GARDEN.

The first thing to be considered in locating the garden is to have it in a convenient place. If it is put off in some distant corner, where it is never seen except by special effort, there will be too much of a tendency to let it shift for itself—and such treatment is not conducive to good crops. Having located it, next examine into the quality of the soil. If this proves to be a good, rich loam, you are very fortunate, for you have the best basis upon which to build. If it is a heavy clay, you must give first attention to improving the mechanical texture, so as to make it friable and "workable." This can be done by hauling on coal ashes or cinders from factories and ploughing it in. By this means we have made stiff clay as friable as an ash heap. But if you find a light and sandy soil, then bring to it all the refuse vegetable matter that you can—leaves, straw, coarse manure, etc.—and plough it under and let it decay beneath the surface.

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sufficient available plant food to enable you to grow the very best crops, and such crops alone as you can find the fullest satisfaction and profit in producing. To bring it to this stage, you must manure, and manure, and manure. Remember that you have not a whole farm to enrich, but only a little garden plot of a few square rods, so you can afford to apply manure in such quantities as might well frighten you if undertaken on a large area. Of course you are going to apply it beyond the needs of the crop which you expect to grow this year, but your purpose should be to impregnate the soil so thoroughly with plant food that whatever seed you place there will find at once the elements for its perfect growth. A load of manure on the garden is not enough. A half-dozen loads are not, unless the garden is very small indeed. The entire surface should be covered to a depth of at least 6 inches, and this not with coarse, green manure; but with a fine and well-rotted product. Put it under the surface this fall if you can. If not, put it on the top, and let it mellow and melt through the Winter. Then in the Spring put on more, and continue the operation every Spring and Fall as long as you have a garden there. When you plant in such a thoroughly enriched soil, there is no hesitancy about the germination of the seed. The plant springs quickly into vigorous life, and makes the rapid growth which is the warrant of a bountiful maturity.—*Country Gentleman.*

WHY A PENNSYLVANIA FARMER SETTLED IN VIRGINIA.

A Pennsylvania farmer recently purchased a farm in Virginia. In a letter to the Commissioner of Agriculture he gives the reasons he made the purchase as follows:

The price of land seemed exceedingly low compared with the farms in Pennsylvania. The buildings on the farms would cost, if new, as much as was asked for the land. The corn and tobacco although but indifferently farmed, presented a fine appearance, and if properly handled could be made as productive as any of the farms in Lebanon county Pennsylvania. The fruit trees looked remarkably healthy and fruit can be raised at a profit.

The people I found exceedingly kind and hospitable. The climate seemed to be all that could be desired. During the hottest part of the Summer I found the temperature